



## Colorado River Management Plan Management Framework

There is a variety of law, regulation, policy, and planning documents that contribute to the management framework for revising the Colorado River Management Plan. These set the sideboards and direction for the planning efforts, as well as defining the process, timeline and, in some cases, the issues to be addressed.

*"...to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."*

National Park Service Organic Act, 16 U.S.C

### NPS Management Policies

*The "fundamental purpose" of the national park system... begins with a mandate to conserve park resources and values. The purpose of all parks also includes providing for the enjoyment of park resources and values by the people of the United States.*

*Congress, recognizing that the enjoyment by future generations of the national parks can be ensured only if the superb quality of park resources and values is left unimpaired, has provided that when there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for enjoyment of them, conservation is to be predominant.*

### National Park Service Management Policies 2001

*The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations. The park service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.*

Mission of the National Park Service -  
NPS Strategic Plan



### Wilderness

*The National Park Service will evaluate all lands it administers for their suitability for inclusion within the national wilderness preservation system. For those lands that possess wilderness characteristics, no action that could diminish their wilderness suitability will be taken until after Congress and the President have taken final action.*

### National Park Service Management Policies 2001



*"That there is hereby reserved and withdrawn from settlement, occupancy, or disposal under the laws of the United States and dedicated and set apart as a public park for the benefit and enjoyment of the people under the name of "Grand Canyon National Park", the tract of land in the State of Arizona particularly described by...."*

February 26, 1919



### General Management Plan

#### Significance

*The Colorado River, as it flows through the park, provides opportunities for one of the world's premier river experiences, including one of the longest stretches of navigable white water on earth.*

#### Vision

*Visitors traveling through the canyon on the Colorado River should have the opportunity for a variety of personal outdoor experiences, ranging from solitary to social. Visitors should be able to experience the river corridor with as little influence from the modern world as possible. The river experience should help visitors to intimately relate to the majesty of the canyon.*

Grand Canyon National Park  
General Management Plan 1995

### Guiding Principles for the Colorado River Management plan

1. The CRMP will address resource management and visitor experience along the Colorado River corridor in Grand Canyon National Park within the framework of current NPS laws and directives.
2. Until the Administration and Congress act on the Grand Canyon National Park Wilderness Recommendation, this section of the Colorado River will be managed as potential Wilderness according to NPS Management Policies and the Grand Canyon National Park Wilderness Recommendation as updated in 1993.
3. The NPS will include and consult with Native American tribes in the planning process.
4. River use will be regulated to ensure that the level and types of use is sustainable and that resource impacts are within acceptable limits for long-term resource preservation.
5. Methods to manage and distribute use along the river will be based on meeting objectives for resource protection and visitor experience.
6. Public access to river recreation opportunities (use allocation and permitting processes) will be evaluated based on current and desired future conditions.
7. The spectrum of desired opportunities will be evaluated and implemented through future river-outfitter contracts and river use permits.
8. The NPS will seek to reduce noise that detracts from Grand Canyon's natural quiet.
9. The NPS will seek to minimize the impacts of administrative use.